

## **BICKER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Webster asking for an update on broken street sign and asking if Parish Council would like Mr Webster to do a temporary repair. Clerk awaiting a return call from Highways. Will contact Mr Webster if required.

A peel board is to be made to commemorate the peel for Rifleman Richard Bloodworth Machin at a cost of £399. The Bell ringers would be prepared to donate £200, Mrs Webster asking if the Parish Council would be willing to make a donation towards it. Will discuss later.

Mr Boughen noted grass triangle have been cut three times in month, a little excessive. Clerk advised it may be to make amends for the poor state of the cemetery following a conversation with the contractor.

**Present**            Cllr Barnes  
                         Cllr Adshead  
                         Cllr Benjamin  
                         Cllr Carrott  
                         Cllr Kelly  
                         Cllr Pell  
                         Borough Cllr Spencer  
                         & 2 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** - were received and accepted from Coun Chapman, Borough Coun Cooper and County Councillor Brookes

**POLICE REPORT** – Apologies. One RTC Old Donington Road

**NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Kelly seconded Coun Benjamin.

### **TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.**

New notice board erected.

### **TO DISCUSS DONATION TO ST SWITHUNS CLOCK**

Request from PCC if donation could be made towards the annual maintenance of St Swithuns Clock. The clock belongs to the people of the village, not the church. An annual donation was precepted for £300. Prop Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Carrott donation be made.

### **TO DISCUSS DONATION FOR CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE**

Request also made if PCC. would be prepared to take over maintenance of the Churchyard at approx. £1100 per year. It was discussed and agreed the Parish Council preferred to make a donation in order that the control and insurance issues were still the responsibility of the PCC. Coun Benjamin proposed £550 seconded Coun Carrott.

**SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Nothing further to report

**ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

Nothing further to report

**FINANCE REPORT**

COUNCIL PAYMENT AUTHORISED APRIL			
	WAGES + EXP BT ETC	CLERK	380.00

The Peel Board was discussed and Council felt it a fitting tribute. Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Carrott £100 donated.

Now the true figures for lighting costs received from BBC a brief discussion took place but Council agreed it should be an agenda item for next meeting. Council agreed to take over streetlights in principal and the maintenance of Thorlby Haven, but exploring the possibility of introducing photoelectric cells would require further discussion.

AOB – There is a cherry tree in the cemetery seriously diseased and requires removing.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.